

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method for handling a location data request or location request relating to a subscriber in a mobile radio network, comprising:

receiving a request from a first location request handling device at a subscriber database of a mobile radio network, for switching device address data of a switching device, via which the subscriber can currently be reached, the subscriber database being capable of receiving requests from a first version of a location request handling device for which there is provision to receive switching device address data from the subscriber database as a response and from a second version of a location request handling device for which there is provision to receive location request handling device address data representing an address of a further location request handling device; and

determining whether the request is from a ~~version of a first~~ location request handling device of the first version or of the second version ~~for which there is provision for the location request handling device to receive switching device address data from the subscriber database as a response,~~ wherein

in the event that the request is from ~~such a version of~~ a location request

handling device of the first version, specifying, via the subscriber database, to the first location request handling device, in a response, location request handling device address data representing an address of a further location request handling device instead of the switching device address data.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the further location request handling device is a location request handling device in a home network of the subscriber.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the further location request handling device stores profile data of the subscriber, which specifies whether and under what conditions the location request relating to the subscriber should be processed and/or responded to.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The method according to Claim 1, wherein a first older version location request handling device sends the request to the subscriber database after receiving a request from an LCS client.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the first location request handling device sends the location request to the address of the further location request handling device, which it is forwarded to the address of a switching device, which was specified thereto by the subscriber database in response to a request to the subscriber database.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The method according to Claim 4, wherein the request includes data of the subscriber to be located identifying the subscriber.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the location request handling device address data has a same format as switching device address data.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the version of the location request handling device is identified by the subscriber database from the non-extended format of the request.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the version of the location request handling device is identified from a Lh interface used.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The method according to Claim 1, wherein the further location request handling device profile data of the subscriber, in respect of whom a location request is to be implemented, is verified and the further location request handling device contacts the switching device specified to it, if the profile data of the subscriber shows that the location request relating to the subscriber should be carried out.

Claim 11 (canceled):

Claim 12 (currently amended). A device for handling a location data request or location request relating to a subscriber in a mobile radio network, comprising:

a register of subscriber location information capable of receiving a request from a first location request handling device for switching device address data of a switching device, via which the subscriber can be reached, the register of subscriber location information being capable of receiving requests from a first version of a location request handling device for which there is provision to receive switching device address data from the subscriber database as a response and from a second version of a location request handling device for which there is provision to receive location request handling device address data representing an address of a further location request handling device;

wherein the register of subscriber location information ~~determines~~ is capable of determining whether the request is from a ~~version of a location request handling device for which there is provision for the location request handling device to receive switching device address data from the register of subscriber location information as a response, and~~

~~wherein in the event that the request is from such a version of a location request handling device, to specify, via the register of subscriber location information, to the first location request handling device, in a response, location request handling device address data representing an address of a further location request handling device instead of the switching device address data~~

of the first version or of the second version, and in the event that the request is
from a location request handling device of the first version, the register of
subscriber location information is capable of specifying, via the register of
subscriber location information, to the first location request handling device, in
a response, location request handling device address data representing an
address of a further location request handling device instead of the switching
device address data.